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**NATURE OF PROCEEDINGS: EX PARTE APPLICATION - FILED BY RESPONDENT**

Matter is called for hearing.

Petitioner's oral motion pursuant to Section 214 F.C. is granted and the matter proceeds as a closed hearing.

The Court and all parties present confer on the record.

The Court makes the following findings pursuant to Family Code §3087. The Court made further specific factual findings pursuant to Family Code §3087 as are described in the transcript of these proceedings. Family Code §3087 provides that: An order for joint custody may be modified or terminated upon the petition of one or both parents or on the Court's own motion if it is shown that the best

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interest of the child requires modification or termination of the order. If either parent opposes the modification or termination order, the Court shall state in its decision the reasons for modification or termination of the joint custody order.

On August 8, 2007, the Respondent filed an Order to Show Cause Re: Modification of Child Custody; Visitation; Injunctive Order; and Attorney Fees and Costs (Respondent's OSC).

A hearing on the Respondent's OSC was held on September 17, 2007.

Respondent's OSC was continued to November 26, 2007, at the Petitioner's request in order to complete a requested Child Custody Evaluation and to allow the parties to conduct discovery and other preparation for the hearing.

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Based on the evidence presented by the parties in their respective pleadings and during the course of the hearing, the Court made certain orders pursuant to Family Code §3022 (Family Code §3022 provides: The Court may, during the pendency of a proceeding or at any time thereafter, make an order for the custody of a child during minority that seems necessary or proper.)

On September 17, 2007, the Court made certain specific orders with regard to the minor children. The September 17, 2007, orders provided:

*The Court makes the following interim orders pursuant to Family Code Section 3022. These orders are made without prejudice pending the child custody evaluation and the full hearing on the Respondent's Order to Show Cause Re: Modification of Child Custody and Visitation.*

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*For purposes of clarification the minor children referred to in these orders are  
Sean Preston Federline, Birth Date: 09-14-05; Jayden James Federline, Birth  
Date: 09-12-06.*

*Counsel have met and conferred with regard to selecting a Child Custody  
Evaluator and have been unsuccessful. Counsel for respondent has previously  
submitted his list of proposed evaluators. Counsel for petitioner is directed to  
submit a listing of three proposed evaluators within 24 hours of this date and the  
Court will make the determination.*

*Counsel are ordered to forward a copy of the orders issued this date to the Child  
Custody Evaluator.*

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*The Court declines to modify the existing custodial timeshare.*

*The parties' stipulated custodial arraignment as set forth in the Second Further Judgment, remains in full force and effect with the following terms and conditions imposed.*

*Neither party shall remove the minor children from the State of California, absent the prior written consent of the other parent or prior order of the Court. In all instances of out of state travel with the minor children, whether through stipulation of the parties or prior order of the Court, the party removing the child from the state shall provide the other parent with a full itinerary, complete with all addresses and telephone numbers for the location(s) of where the children will be staying for the*

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*duration of the trip. Said itinerary shall further contain all travel arraignments, including flight numbers for the children.*

*Each party is restrained from making derogatory remarks about the other party and the other party's family or significant other, either directly or indirectly to the minor children, and from allowing anyone else to do so. This includes any person employed by the parties.*

*Each party is ordered to complete the PARENTING WITHOUT CONFLICT program and file verification of completion with the court. Each party to submit verification of enrollment in either the Parenting Without Conflict program or other equivalent program within five days of this date.*

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*Each party is restrained from using corporal punishment with the minor children and from allowing anyone else to do so.*

*Parties may select an alternative mental health professional to assist them and provide the Court with written notification of their selection within five days of this date in lieu of the Parenting Without Conflict program.*

*Parties are to engage in joint co-parenting counseling. Parties are ordered to equally share in the costs for the joint co-parenting counseling. Counsel are ordered to meet and confer with regard to selecting a therapist. In the event that counsel are unable to reach an agreement within five days of this date, they are each to submit a listing of three proposed therapists and the Court will make the determination.*

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*Neither party shall consume alcohol or other non-prescription controlled substance during or for the 12 hours immediately preceding any period such party is responsible for the health and safety of the minor children.*

*Petitioner shall engage in individual counseling to address parenting issues at least once per week. Counsel for petitioner is to provide the Court with written notice as to the professional selected within ten days of this date.*

*Each party shall advise the other of his or her current residence address, and phone numbers and shall advise the other of any changes within 24 hours of any such changes.*



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*Each party is ordered to notify the other within 48 hours of any change in the employment status of the children's existing child care professionals.*

*Each party is ordered to notify the other within 24 hours of retaining any new child care professional for the minor children.*

*Any prospective child care professional for the minor children must hold valid certifications by the American Red Cross in Infant and Child CPR as well as in Basic First Aid. In the event that the existing child care professionals do not possess these certifications, the certifications must be obtained forthwith.*

*Pursuant to the stipulation of the parties, the Petitioner is ordered to meet with a Parenting Coach for a minimum of eight hours each week, in at least two sessions*

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*per week. The Parenting Coach is to observe the Petitioner's interaction with the minor children and her parenting skills. Counsel are ordered to meet and confer with regard to selecting the parenting coach. In the event that counsel are unable to reach an agreement within five days of this date, they are each to submit a listing of three proposed coaches and the Court will make the determination.*

*Costs for the Parenting Coach to be borne by the Petitioner.*

*The Parenting Coach shall provide each counsel with a written progress report by October 22, 2007. The Parenting Coach shall appear in Department 88 on November 26, 2007.*

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*Pursuant to Family Code Section 3041.5, the Petitioner is ordered to undergo testing for the use of controlled substances and alcohol. Based on the Evidence presented, the Court finds that there is a habitual, frequent, and continuous use of controlled substances and alcohol by the Petitioner.*

*The costs of testing shall be paid by Petitioner.*

*Testing shall be conducted twice per week on random dates and times.*

*The results of said testing shall be forwarded to the Court and will be sealed in the Court file. The testing facility is specifically ordered to file hard copies of the results directly with the Court. The testing facility is ordered not to fax the results to the Court. The results shall not be released except upon order of the*

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*Court. Any person receiving test results upon order of the Court shall receive notice that unauthorized distribution of test results is punishable by civil sanctions of up to \$2,500. (Family Code Section 3041.5).*

*Counsel are ordered to meet and confer with regard to selecting a testing facility in conformity with Section 3041.5 F.C.. If counsel are unable to agree upon a facility within five days of this date, the testing shall be conducted through Sentinel Offender Services.*

*The Court orders that the testing facility is to give notices of testing directly to petitioner and not through her counsel or representatives.*

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On September 24, 2007, the Court conducted a Status Conference with the parties regarding the September 17, 2007, orders. Based on information received at that conference, the Court made certain orders, as reflected in the submitted Order After Hearing.

The Court further ordered that as of 10:00 a.m. on October 1, 2007, the Petitioner must present a signed copy of the Court's September 17, 2007, Order After Hearing in conformity with that order or personally appear in Department 88 of the Los Angeles County Superior Court.

A hearing was held on October 1, 2007. The Petitioner did not appear at this hearing; however she was represented by counsel. The Petitioner did not present

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a signed copy of the Court's orders as directed in the Court's September 17, 2007  
and September 24, 2007 order.

Based on the arguments of counsel and evidence presented at that hearing, the  
Court made orders as reflected in the Court's Order of October 1, 2007.  
Specifically, the parties represented that the Respondent was to begin a period of  
visitation with the minor children on October 1, 2007, at 12:00p.m. lasting until  
October 3, 2007 at 12:00 p.m. The Court ordered that at the scheduled conclusion  
of that visit, the minors would remain in the Respondent's custody pending the  
hearing on Respondent's *Ex Parte Order to Show Cause* set for October 3, 2007  
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The hearing on the Respondent's *Ex Parte* Order to Show Cause was held on October 3, 2007. Based on the evidence presented at the hearing and the arguments of counsel, the Court makes the following orders pursuant to Family Code §3022 and Family Code §3064. ( The Court notes: *In re Marriage of Slayton & Biggums-Slayton* (2001) 86 Cal. App. 4th 653, and the reference to Penal Code section 11165.2 (b) with regard to orders made pursuant to Family Code §3064)

The Petitioner offered evidence of compliance with a number of the specific orders made by the Court on September 17, 2007. However the Court finds that based on the evidence presented and recorded within the transcript of the proceedings, the Petitioner was not in substantial compliance with material provisions of the Court's September 17, 2007, order.

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Based upon the evidence presented, the Court makes the following orders:

The Court's order of October 1, 2007, shall remain in full force and effect. The parties will continue to share joint legal and physical custody.

**The minor children shall remain in the custody of the Respondent with the exception of those specific dates and times as ordered by the Court in the transcript of the proceedings.**

**Pending the further order of the Court, all visitation with the Petitioner, shall be in the presence of a monitor. The monitor shall be either the professional designated as the Parenting Coach by the Court, a monitor selected by the**



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**parties from the approved Los Angeles Superior Court list or an individual stipulated to by the parties in writing.**

The monitor shall terminate visitation immediately if any conduct or action by the Petitioner endangers the minor children.

The monitor shall inform the parties and Court in writing forthwith if any such visitation is terminated by the monitor. The monitor's report shall describe the specific events and reason giving rise to a termination of visitation.

**A copy of this order shall be provided to any person acting within the capacity of monitor as described in this order.**

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The Petitioner shall bear all costs for the monitors.

The Court repeats its orders with regard to drug testing and the protocol for testing. The Court expressly indicates that a missed test, refusal to submit to a test, or failure to respond to the testing agency's call as specified in the September 17, 2007, order shall be deemed by the Court as a failed test.

The Petitioner shall forthwith commence individual counseling as ordered in the September 17, 2007, order. The Petitioner shall complete at least three individual counseling sessions by the next hearing.

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The parties shall forthwith commence joint counseling as ordered in the  
September 17, 2007, order. The parties shall complete at least three joint  
counseling sessions by the next hearing.

The Court continues this matter to October 26, 2007 at 1:30 p.m.

The parties are ordered to personally appear in Department 88, Los Angeles  
Superior Court at 111 North Hill Street, Los Angeles, California on October  
26, 2007 at 1:30 p.m.

FORTHWITH each party is to be provided a copy of the Court's Orders and  
are ordered to sign the order acknowledging both receipt of the Order and

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confirmation that they have read the orders contained therein. The signed  
acknowledgments are to be filed with the Court forthwith.

THE COURT ORDERS THAT THE PORTION OF THE TRANSCRIPT OF  
PROCEEDINGS FOR THE CLOSED HEARING HELD IN THIS MATTER ON  
THIS DATE IS ORDERED SEALED AND IS OBTAINABLE ONLY BY COUNSEL  
OF RECORD APPEARING THIS DATE OR BY ORDER OF THE COURT.

The Court's Orders are effective forthwith. All prior orders not modified by  
this order shall remain in full force and effect.

Counsel for Respondent is ordered to prepare the Order After Hearing.